

Introduction to OMG's Model Driven Architecture

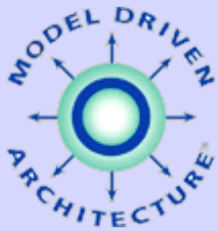
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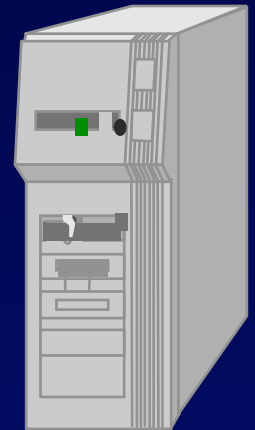
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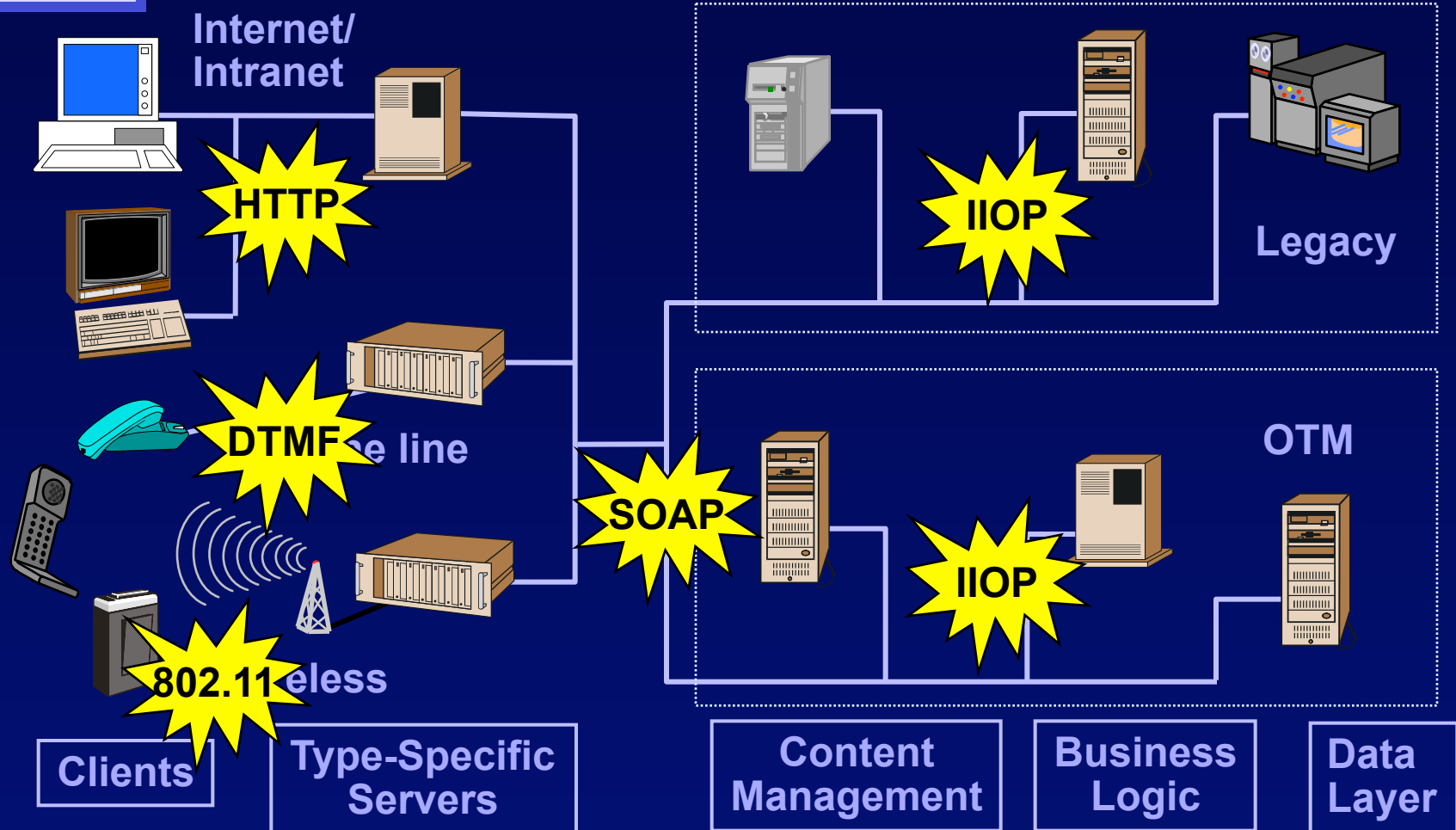
Enterprise IT Must Deal With

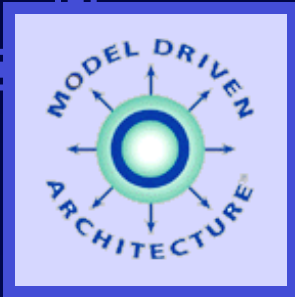
- Technological Factors:
 - Barriers to Interoperability/Integration
 - Development/Maintenance Obstacles
 - Evolving/Unstable Technology Suite
- Business Factors:
 - Defining/Meeting Business Requirements
 - Complex/Changing Business Processes
 - Shifting Enterprise/Application Boundaries
 - Semantic Integration with Customers/Suppliers/Partners



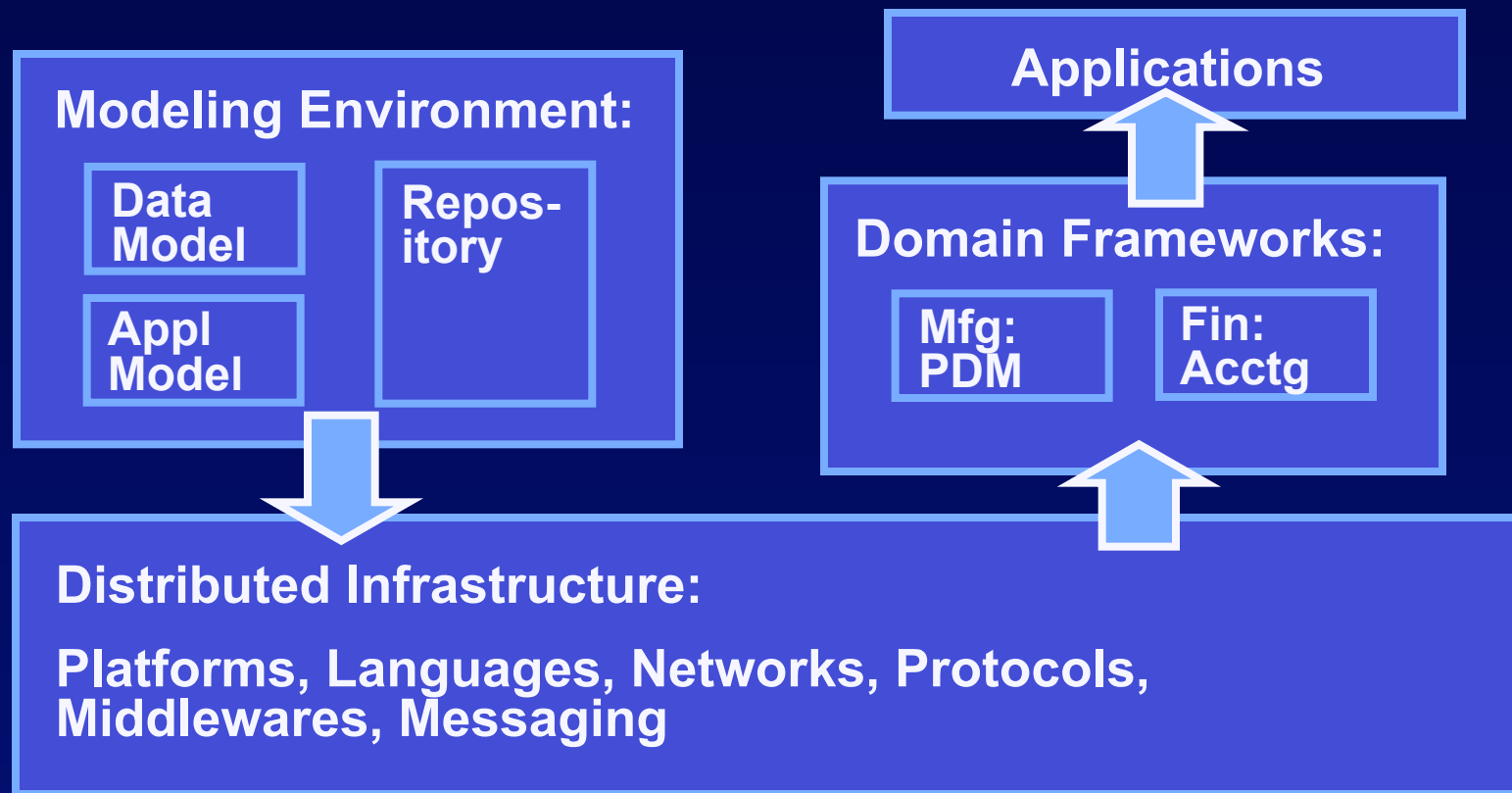


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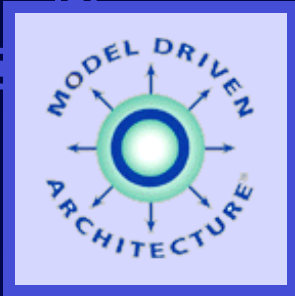




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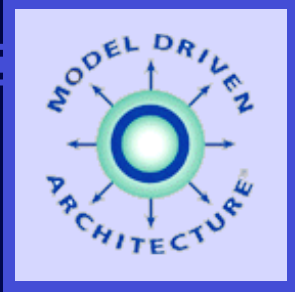
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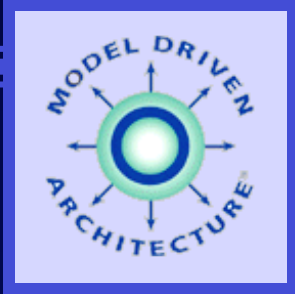
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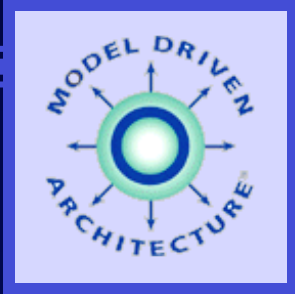
Why Focus on Modeling?

Because Modeling is the only way to ensure that enterprise IT systems deliver the functionality that a business requires, comprehensive and stable, yet able to evolve in a controlled manner as business needs change over time.



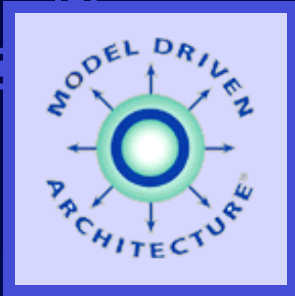
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Models built in the Unified Modeling Language (UML) represent exactly what a business application - even a complex, multi-platform integrated application - can do, and record it with a clarity and stability that far exceeds that of the applications themselves.



Why Focus on Modeling?

Based on technology-independent representations of their business functionality and behavior, modeled applications last for decades and maximize IT return on investment.



OMG Modeling Support

- **MOF: Meta-Object Facility**
 - Integrated Repository
 - Standard MetaModel
- **XMI: XML Metadata Interchange**
 - Model & MetaModel Interchange
 - XML-Based Format, including DTDs
- **Unified Modeling Language UML 1.4**
 - World Standard for A&D
 - Representation for Structure, Dynamics, Deployment
- **CWM: Common Warehouse Metamodel**
 - Data Warehousing Integration
 - Record, Table formats; Data Loading & Transformation



What is the MOF?

- The MOF defines the dictionary of model elements, as an abstract model called a meta-metamodel
- This common dictionary enables model exchange from one tool to another
- The MOF also defines a standard distributed repository
- A necessary foundation for modeling



The MOF Defines...

- **CLASSES**, with Attributes and Operations at both Object and Class level
- **ASSOCIATIONS** support binary links between class instances
- **PACKAGES** are collections of related Classes and Associations
- **DATATYPES** represent non-object types as Parameters or Attributes
- **CONSTRAINTS** associate semantic restrictions with other elements



XMI: XML Metadata Interchange

- **OMG-Standardized format for exchange of models (and meta-models)**
- **XML-based transport**
- **MOF-based schema for compactness without ambiguity**
- **Exchange UML models among tools and repository**



The Metadata Problem

CWM Addresses a Problem Facing Every Enterprise:

- **Many Databases**
- **Many Repositories**
- **Many Schemas Describing the “Same” Data**
- **Moving Data Requires Manual Schema Transformation**



CWM Integrates your Data

- Integrates Existing Data Models
- Maps to Existing Schemas
- Supports Automated Schema Generation
- Supports Automated Database Loading
- The Basis for Data Mining and OLAP
Across the Enterprise



Big Software Projects...

- are like Buildings – they have a structure with many interlocking parts
- You wouldn't contract to build a skyscraper without seeing plans first:
 - Elevations
 - Interior Views
 - Site Plan
 - Blueprints
 - Floor Plans
 - Structural Analyses
- Large Software Projects deserve the same treatment
- Better Time and Cost Estimates; Less Risk



UML – a *Graphic* Language for

- **Visualizing**
 - Using the standardized graphic UML displays
- **Specifying**
 - Semantics to define
 - static structure
 - dynamic behavior
 - model organization
- **Constructing**
 - Map UML to Programming Environment and Generate some code Automatically
- **Documenting**
 - Every phase of lifecycle from analysis and design through deployment and maintenance



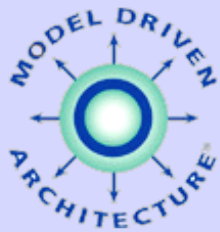
UML Diagrams

- **Foundation: Structural Diagrams – static structure**
 - Class Diagram
 - Object Diagram
 - Component Diagram
 - Deployment Diagram
- **Behavior: Behavioral Diagrams – dynamic behavior**
 - Use Case Diagram
 - Sequence Diagram
 - Collaboration Diagram
 - Statechart Diagram
 - Activity Diagram
- **Model Management Diagrams – organization**
 - Packages
 - Subsystems
 - Models

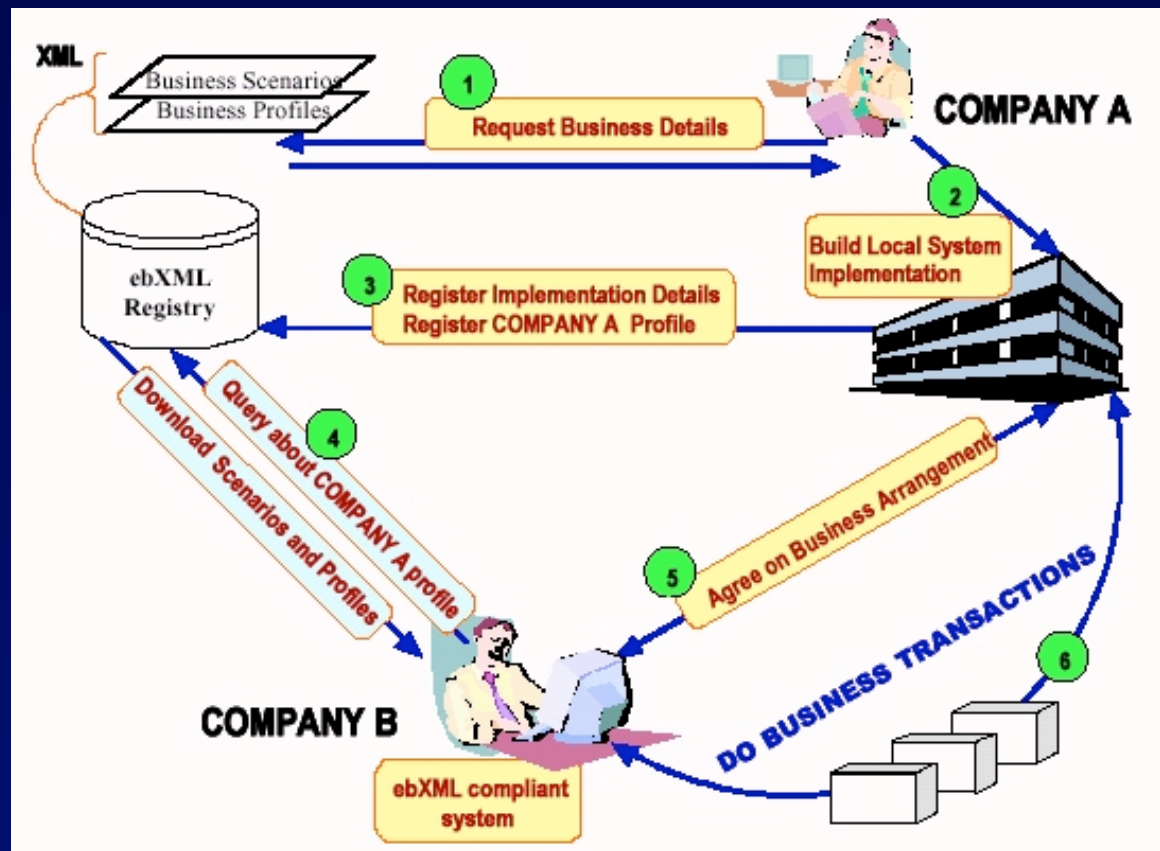


UML Summary

- **The Way the World Does Modeling, with Universal Industry Support**
- **Flexible Representation of Static Structure and Dynamic Behavior**
- **Diagrams Map to Formally Defined Underlying Model**
- **Usable by Every Methodology**
- **An OMG Standard**
- **Widely Supported Upgrade to UML 2.0 Now Underway**



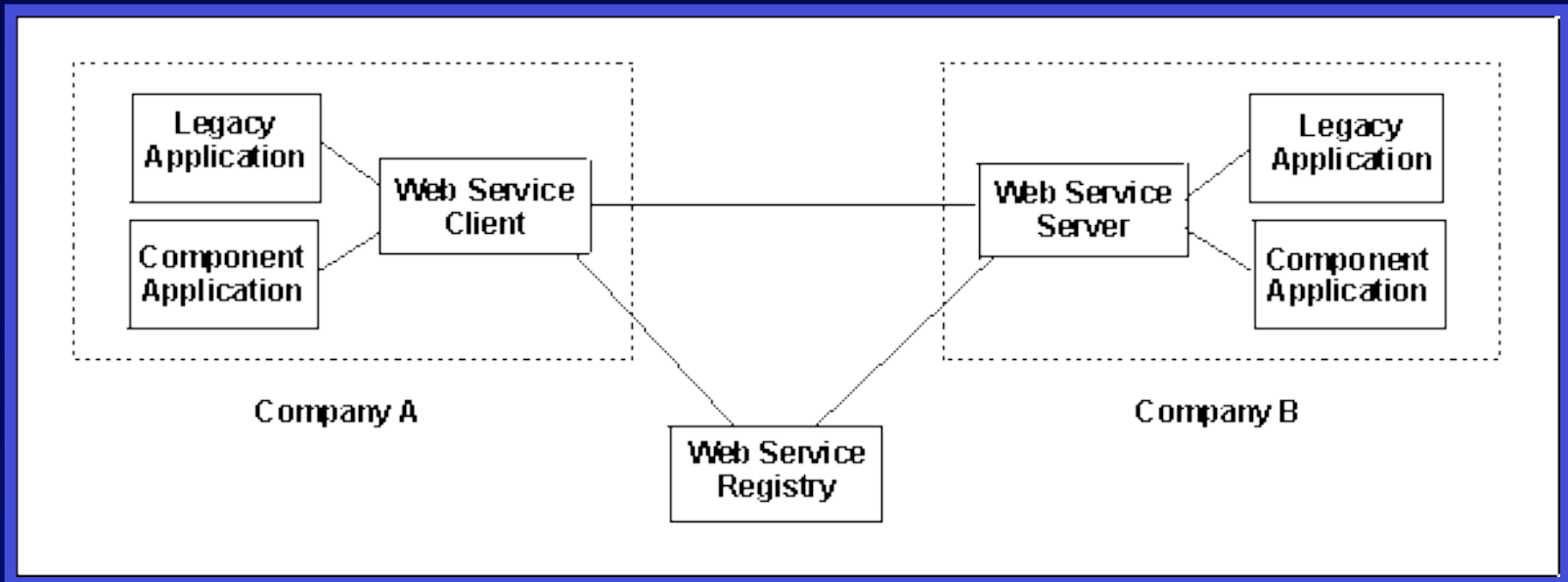
New “Next Best Thing”: Web Services



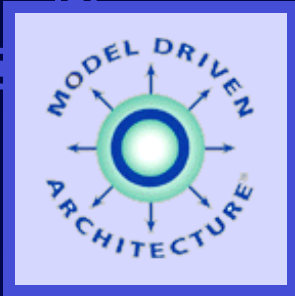
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Web Services are EAI!

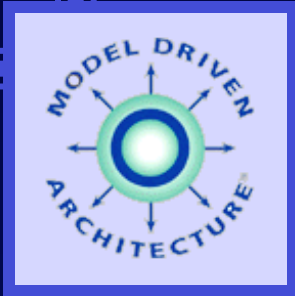


- For B2B, both client and server must connect to many legacy applications on many legacy middleware platforms



What is the Model Driven Architecture™?

- **A New Way to Specify and Build Systems**
 - Based on Modeling and UML
 - Supports full lifecycle: A&D, implementation, deployment, maintenance, and evolution
 - Builds in Interoperability and Portability
 - Lowers initial cost and maximizes ROI
 - Applies directly to the mix of hardware and software that you face:
 - Programming language
 - Network
 - Operating system
 - *Middleware*



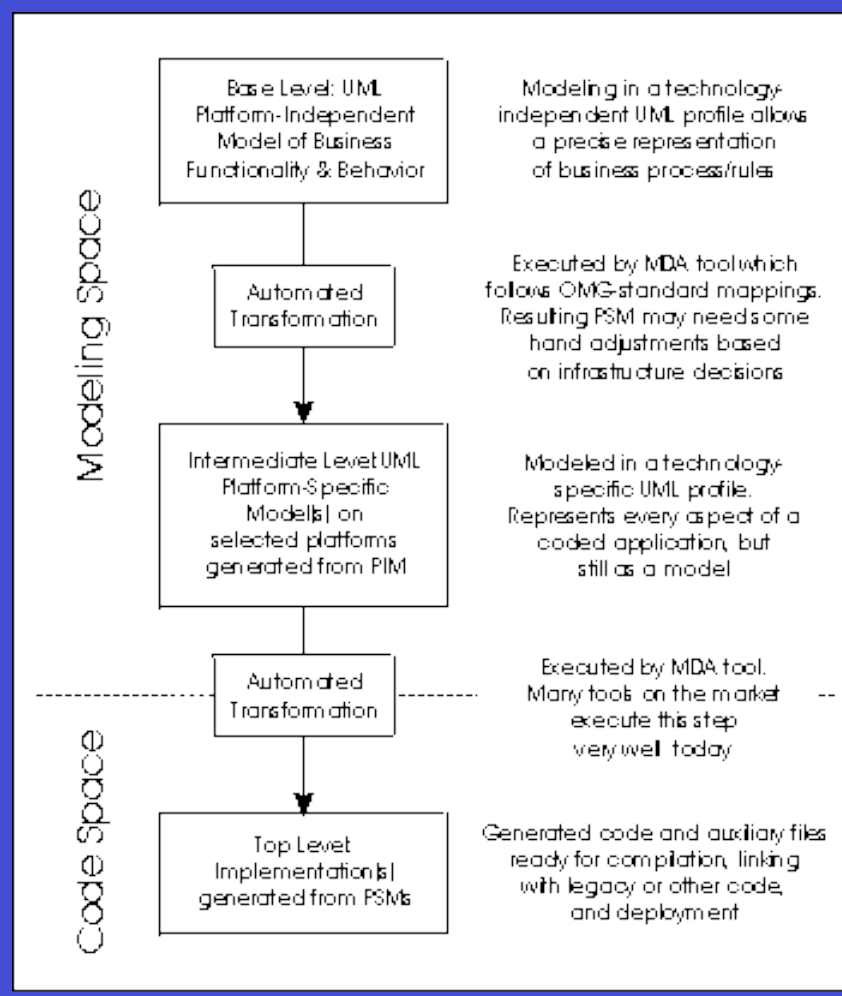
Waves of Middleware Platforms

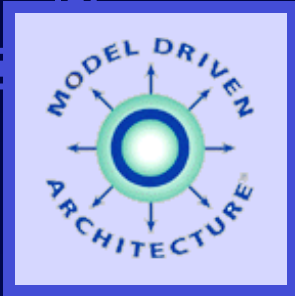
- **CORBA®: Vendor, OS- Independent Middleware**
- **But not the *only* MW. For example:**
 - Java/EJB
 - XML/SOAP
 - C#/.Net
 - Web Services (of course)
 - What will be Next Best Thing?
- **Need to preserve value of Software Investment as the infrastructure landscape changes around it**
- **Need Portability and Interoperability across HW & SW vendor, operating system, programming language, network, and now *middleware* too!**



MDA: Designed for Business

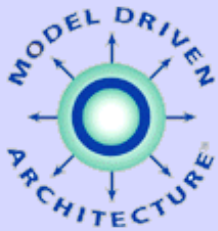
- Structure is a Spectrum progressing from Modeling at the Top to Code development at the bottom





A Sensible Structure:

- **Input and Investment concentrate at the business zone at the top**
- **Automated tools take over coding IT infrastructure towards the bottom**
- **Code draws from libraries written and assembled by the industry's best minds**
- **Remote invocations, hard to program but hardly creative, are programmed by machines, not people**

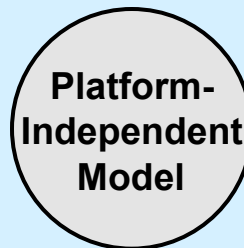


Building an MDA™ Application

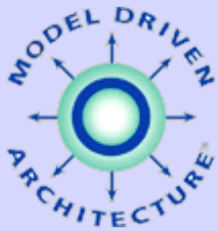
Start with a Platform-Independent Model (PIM), in UML and defined at multiple levels.

Base level PIM represents *only* business functionality and behavior, undistorted by technology details.

Next level adds, e.g., general aspects of components or asynch comms.



A Detailed Model, stating Pre- and Post-Conditions in OCL, and Semantics in Action Language

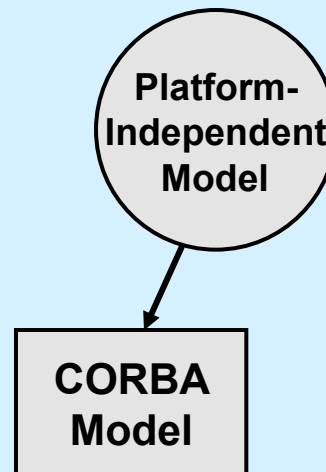


Platform-Specific Model

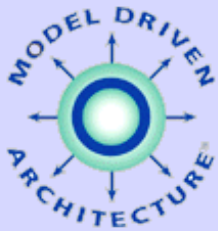
MDA tool applies an **OMG™-standard Mapping** – formally, a **UML Profile** – to generate a ***Platform-Specific Model (PSM)*** from the PIM.

This model, like the PIM, will be very detailed.

This step may require hand-editing, depending on the tool and environment



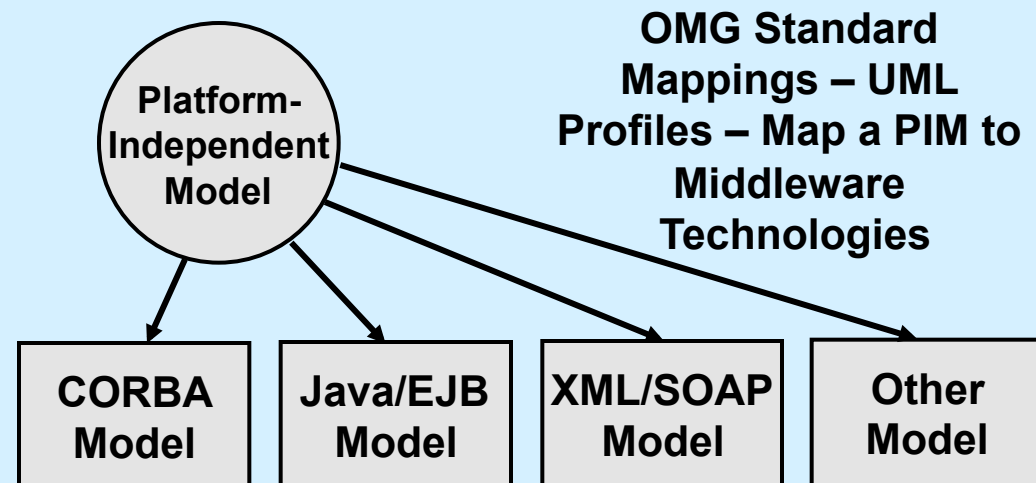
OMG Standard Mappings – UML Profiles – Map a PIM to Middleware Technologies

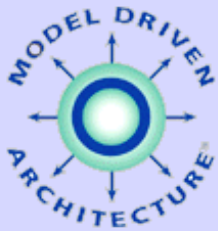


Multiple Middleware Models

OMG will standardize – and MDA tools will implement – mappings to multiple middleware platforms.

Each mapping – formally, a UML *profile* – defines the route from an application's single PIM to a PSM on a target platform.

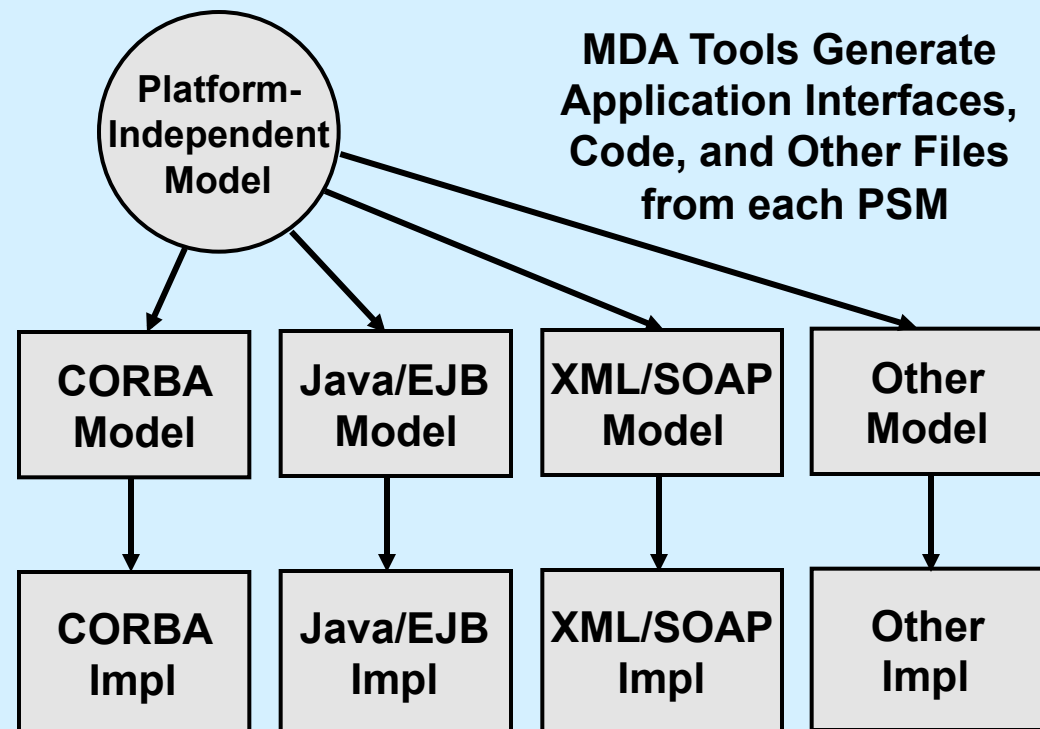




Generate Implementation

A PSM contains basically the same information as an application, but expressed in UML instead of code.

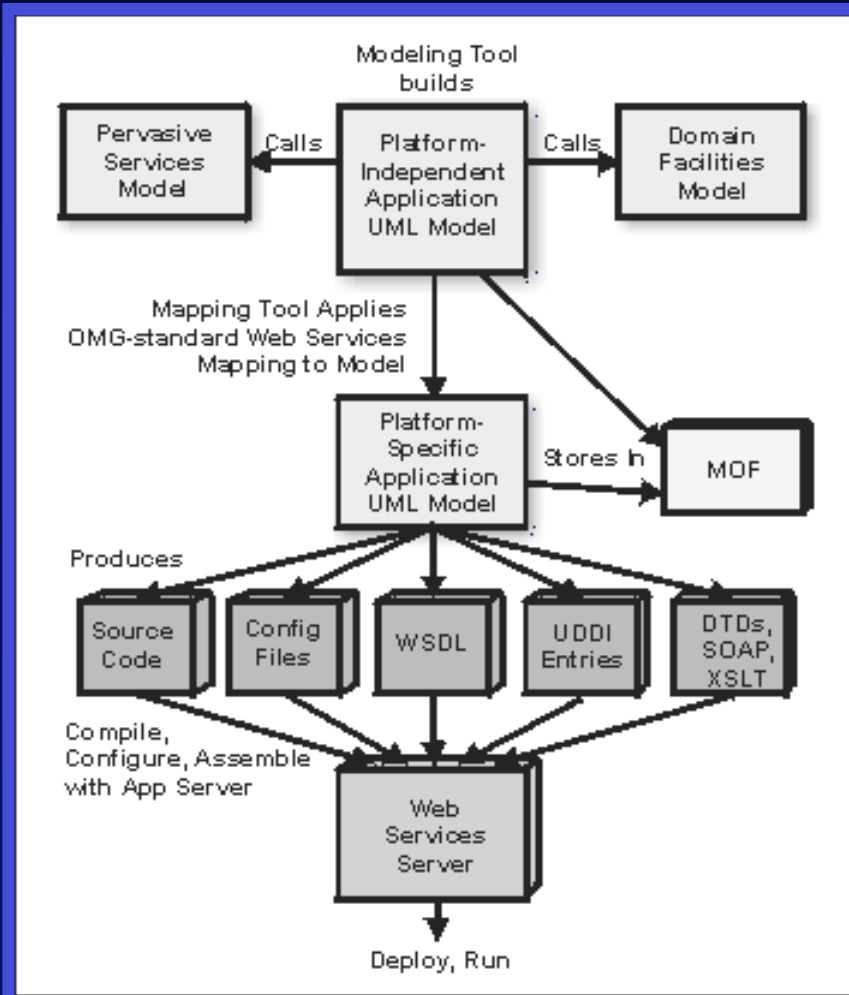
MDA development tools can generate all or most of an application from a PSM: interfaces, templates, configuration files, more.

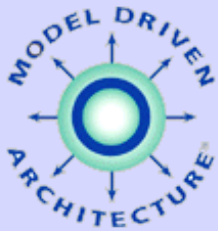




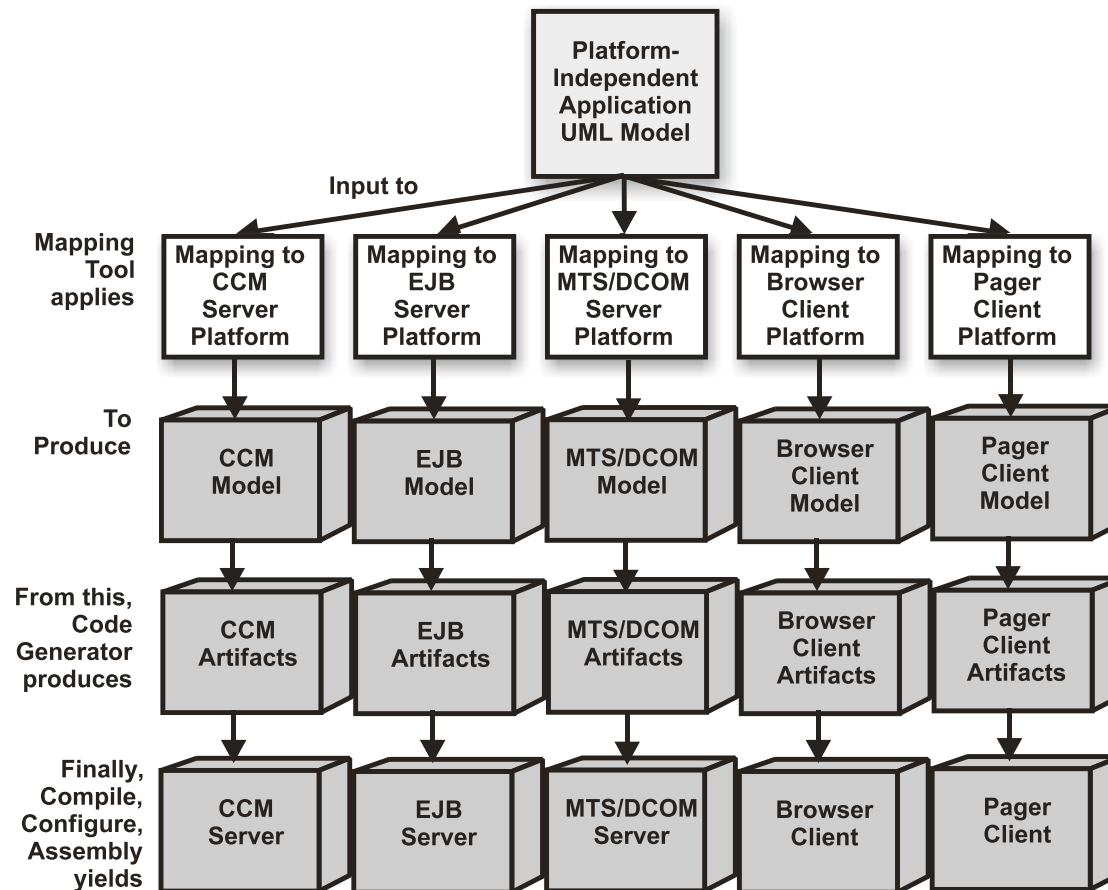
Services & Facilities in MDA

- Bring in Services (Naming, Directory) & Facilities as you Model
- Produce *All* needed file types in final generation step





Targeting Multiple Platforms

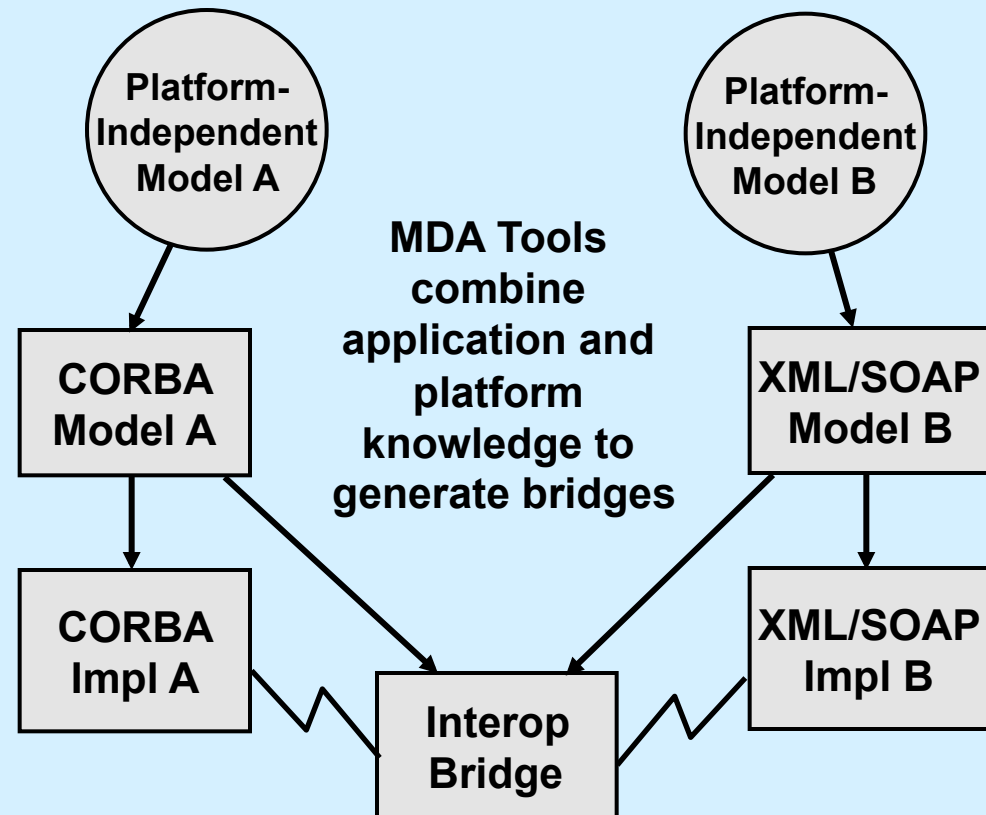




MDA Applications Interoperate

MDA Tools will also generate cross-platform bridging code connecting either instances of a single MDA application, or one application to another.

Standard *Pervasive Services* – directory, security, more – will also be accessed through bridging code where necessary.





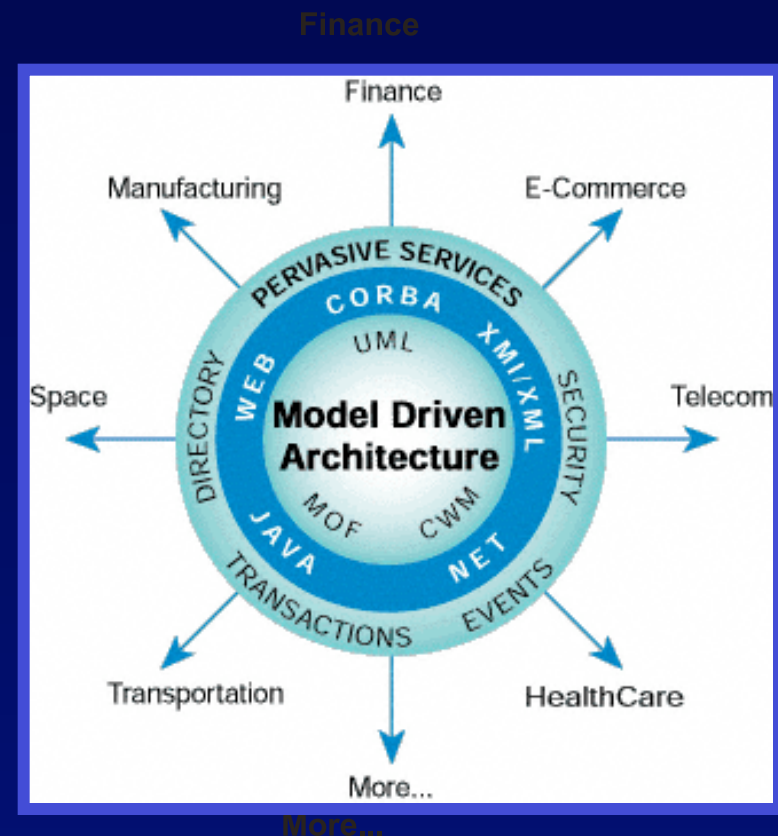
MDA in Industry Standards

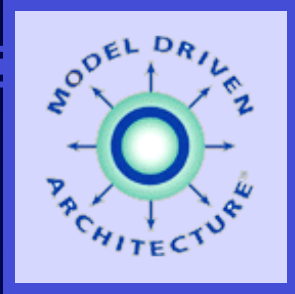
OMG (and other) Task Forces standardize Domain (Industry-Specific) Facilities as PIMs.

With implementations on multiple platforms, no technology or platform barriers prevent widespread adoption and use.

Interoperate cross-platform with other standard applications.

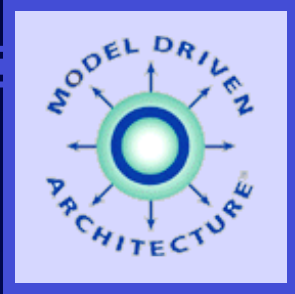
Both PIM and set of PSMs and interface code – on every mapped platform – become OMG standards.





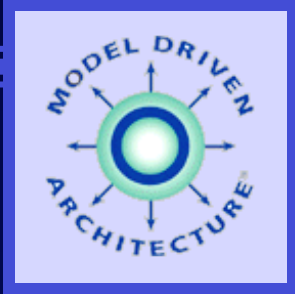
MDA Specifications

- MDA Architecture (Adopted Sept 2001)
- UML 1.4 (complete) and 2.0 (in process)
- UML Profiles:
 - Profile for EDOC (complete)
 - Profile for EAI (complete)
 - Profile for CORBA (complete)
 - Profile for EJB (in JCP)
- Support from XMI, CWM (complete)
- Pervasive Services (coming)
- Domain Specifications



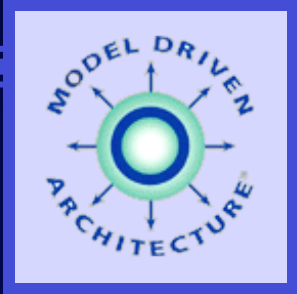
MDA Benefits

- Full support throughout the application life-cycle
- Stable, model-based approach maximizes SW ROI
- Technology-independent representation of business rules
- Reduced costs from beginning to end
- Reduced development time for new applications
- Optimized technical behavior - scalability, robustness, security – via generated code
- Smooth integration across middleware platform boundaries
- Rapid inclusion of emerging technologies into existing systems



MDA Links

- **MDA Central:**
 - <http://www.omg.org/mda>
- **Executive overview:**
 - http://www.omg.org/mda/executive_overview.htm
- **OMG White Papers:**
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Section 7: Overview of OMG

- **OMG Organization**
- **Who belongs to OMG?**
- **Creating a new OMG specification**



OMG: Background

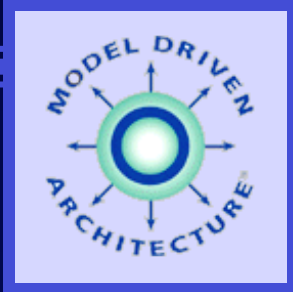
- **World's largest software consortium.**
- **Founded April 1989 - Twelve Years Old**
- **Small staff (25 full time); no internal development.**
Offices in U.S.A., Germany, Japan, U.K, Australia, India
- **Home of the Model Driven Architecture and MDA-Based Standards, Maximizing IT ROI by Extending Software and Infrastructure Lifetime Across Technology Transitions**



OBJECT MANAGEMENT GROUP

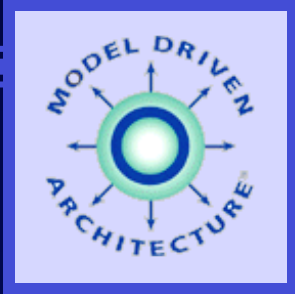
Worldwide Scope





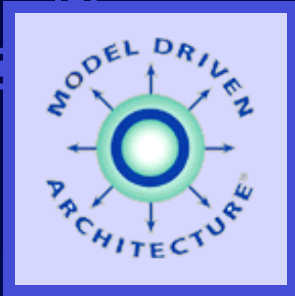
Meetings, Meetings!

- **OMG Specifications are adopted at our meetings**
- **Held Five times a year, at member companies' sites around the world**
- **Lasts a week and attracts over 500 people**
- **Every subgroup meets; up to 30 simultaneous sessions on some days**
- **Dates, locations on the web at <http://www.omg.org/techprocess/meetings/upcoming.html>**
- **You're invited to come as an observer! Just let me know (email: info@omg.org)**



Adoption Process

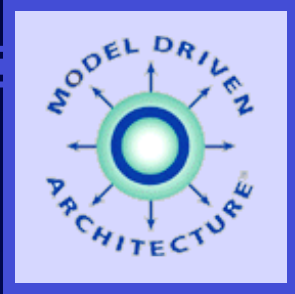
- RFI (Request for Information) to establish range of commercially available software.
- RFP (Request for Proposals) to gather explicit descriptions of available software.
- Letters of Intent to establish corporate direction.
- Task Force and End User evaluation & recommendation; simultaneous Business Committee examination.
- Board decision based on TC, End User, and BC recommendations.



Availability

Innovative approach for selection of standard interfaces to adopt:

- 1. OMG adopts & publishes MDA PIMs and PSMs, and Implementation Interface Specifications.**
- 2. Implementations of the Interface Specifications must be available commercially from OMG Platform, Domain, or Contributing member.**
- 3. MDA PIMs and PSMs, and Interface Specifications, are freely available to members and non-members alike.**
- 4. MDA PIMs and PSMs, and Interface Specifications chosen from existing products in a competitive selection process.**



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 - MDA: <http://www.omg.org/mda>
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